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PERSONAL COMPUTER SOFTWARE CENTER OPENS WITH OL SUPPORT

The Office of Information Technology's (OIT's) goal of a Personal Computer Software Center (PCSC) was realized this last week, through the close support of several components of the Office of Logistics.

Procurement Division, working in close coordination with OIT personnel, issued a competitive solicitation, evaluated submitted proposals, and selected two highly qualified vendors, all within a 90 day period. This resulted in the award of two contracts for computer software to stock the PCSC, which officially opened on 3 November 1986. The procurement methodology employed allows PCSC store personnel to telephonically place orders for a variety of preselected PC software packages for immediate two day delivery. In addition, 22 packages will be available for purchase directly from the store inventory, including such popular packages such as Lotus 1-2-3, dBASEIII plus, Projectmaster and WATCHDOG. The Agency's user demand for intelligent workstations and personal computers has necessitated this streamlined purchasing capability for off-the-shelf software products. Through the combined efforts of the Procurement Divison, the Supply Management Branch of Supply Division, and OIT, a system was developed to accomplish this objective.

OIT has provided all materiel for the operation of the software center, and the space was modified with the assistance of Facilities Management Division. The store, which is located in 2C11 Headquarters, will have a Center Manager, computer terminals, four OIT consultants to assist customers with the selection of software, and two OL Supply Division employees to handle the storage, issue and reorder of materials.

The initial software inventory totalling $360,000 is immediately available for issuance to offices submitting completed and approved requisitions. The stock will then be replenished as inventory is drawn down. The PCSC Software Price List and a brochure describing the Center's products and services are attached to provide more detailed information about the center.